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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following areas will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below:

##### District 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 14, through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 15, 2012:**

Section 1-F: will be open south and east of a line from the southernmost tip of California Head to Spire Island Light to the southernmost tip of Gravina Point to a point located on the western shore of Gravina Island at 55°20.88' N. latitude, 131°51.85' W. longitude (located on the westernmost tip of an unnamed island immediately south of Grant Cove) then due west to the District 2 boundary line with the following restrictions:

Boca de Quadra: will be closed east of a line from Quadra Point to Kah Shakes Point;

Carroll Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of Brunn Point;

Nichols Passage: will be closed north of the latitude of the southernmost tip of Dall Head;

Thorne Arm: will be closed north and east of a line from the southernmost tip of Moth Point to the northernmost tip of Cone Point located at 55°14.91' N. latitude, 131°19.04' W. longitude;

Tongass Narrows: all waters will be closed.

##### District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 14, through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 15, 2012:**

District 2: will be open with the following restrictions:

Cholmondeley Sound and contiguous waters: all waters will be closed south of a line from the northernmost tip of Chasina Point to Skin Island Light to the northernmost tip of Clover Point;

Cleveland Peninsula: will be closed within one and one half nautical miles of the Cleveland Peninsula shoreline **south of the latitude of Niblack Point;**

Kasaan Bay, Skowl Arm, and contiguous waters: will be closed west of the longitude of Skowl Point Light;

Moira Sound: will be closed west of the easternmost entrance of Menefee Anchorage located at 132°00.35' W. longitude;

**Prince of Wales Island shore: will be closed within two nautical miles north of the southern entrance of Windfall Harbor located at 55°35.92' N. latitude, 132°20.26' W. longitude.**

### District 3

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 14, 2012:**

Section 3-B: will be open west of a line from Point Desconocida to the northernmost tip of Point Animas **to the southernmost tip of Point Amargura to the northernmost tip of Point Congrejo.**

Section 3-C: will be open west of the southernmost tip of Marble Island located at 133°26.89' W. longitude with the following restrictions:

Holbrook Arm, Van Sant Cove, and contiguous waters: will be closed north and west of a line from Limestone Point Light to the southernmost tip of Holbrook Point;

Token Bay: all waters will be closed.

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 14, through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 15, 2012:**

Section 3-A: will be open **south of the latitude of Simmons Point** with the following restrictions:

Dall Island Shore: will be closed west of a line from the southernmost tip of Reef Point to Shoe Island Light to Datzkoo Point;

**Eek Inlet, Sukkwan Strait and contiguous waters: will be closed in those waters within one-half nautical mile of the western shore of Hetta Inlet north of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Round Point and south of 55°10.00' N. latitude (approximately one nautical mile north of the entrance to Eek Inlet) and in all waters of Sukkwan Strait north of Round Point;**

**Hetta Cove: will be closed in those waters within one-half nautical mile of the eastern shore of Hetta Inlet north of 55°08.81' N. latitude (approximately one and one-half nautical miles south of Hetta Point) and south of 55°10.88' N. latitude (located approximately one-half nautical mile north of Hetta Point);**

Hassiah Inlet and Mabel Bay: will be closed east of 132°35.00' W. longitude and south of the northernmost tip of Helen Island;

Kassa Inlet: will be closed east of the longitude of Kassa Point;

Klakas Inlet: will be closed **north of 54°57.20' N. latitude (the southernmost entrance to Max Cove);**

**Max Cove: will be closed in all waters;**

**Nutkwa Inlet: will be closed north of 55°06.00' N. latitude;**

**Tlevak Strait: will be closed north of the latitude of Round Point.**

Section 3-B: will be open west of a line from Cape Lynch to the northernmost tip of Point Animas to the southernmost tip of Point Arboleda.

District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 14, through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 15, 2012:**

District 4: will be open.

District 6:

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 14:**

Section 6-D: will be **open within two nautical miles of the Prince of Wales Island shoreline north of the latitude of Ratz Harbor Light.**

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 14, through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 15, 2012:**

Section 6-D: will be open south and east of a line from a point on the east side of Cooney Cove at 56°04.00' N. latitude, 132°33.60' W. longitude to Point Stanhope to Narrow Point the with the following restrictions:

**Prince of Wales Island shoreline: will be closed within two nautical miles of the Prince of Wales Island shoreline south of the latitude of Ratz Harbor Light;**

**Burnett Inlet: will be closed north and east of the southernmost tip of Fawn Island;**

**Mosman Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of Marble Point.**

District 7:

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 14, through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 15, 2012:**

Section 7-B: will be open.

District 9:

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 14, through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 15, 2012:**

Section 9-B: Tebenkof Bay will be open east of a line from Point Ellis to Swaine Point.

District 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 14, through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 15, 2012:**

Section 12-A: will be open in the following area:

**Hidden Falls THA: Kasnyku Bay will be open west of 134°50.55' W. longitude and Takatz Bay will be open west of 134°48.00' W. longitude** with the following restriction:

Kasnyku Bay: will be closed west of a line from a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°13.18' N. latitude, 134°51.88' W. longitude to 57°13.00' N. latitude, 134°51.93' W. longitude to the northernmost point of an unnamed island at 57°12.91' N. latitude, 134°51.50' W. longitude, then due south to the Baranof Island shoreline.

### District 13

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 14, through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 15, 2012:**

Section 13-A: will be open in the following areas:

Portlock Harbor, Ogden Passage, Smooth Channel, Black Bay, Khaz Bay, Lake Anna, Sisters Lake and Slocum Arm: will be open north of **57°32.86' N. latitude** and east of a line from Khaz Point to Ninefoot Shoal Light to the southernmost tip of Herbert Graves Island to Point Hogan to the light located on the southern tip of Hill Island and then due north to the Chichagof Island shoreline with the following restrictions:

Black Bay: will be closed east of 136°08.37' W. longitude;

Klag Bay: will be closed north of Rose Point;

**Ford Arm: will be closed north and east of a line from Trap Point to a point on the Chichagof Island shoreline at 57°32.86 N. latitude, 136°00.13' W. longitude.**

Lisianski Strait: **will be closed.**

Salisbury Sound: will be open south of the latitude of Scraggy Point with the following restrictions:

St. John Baptist Bay: will be closed east of the longitude of Zeal Point;

Sukoi Inlet: will be closed south of a line from Hayward Point to Sukoi Point.

Section 13-B: will be open in the following area:

Sitka Sound and contiguous waters: will be open north of a line from Inner Point on the Kruzof Island shoreline at 57°05.50' N. latitude, 135°34.28' W. longitude to Makhnati Rock Light to Surf Rock to Simpson Rock Light to Tsaritsa Rock Light to Silver Point with the following restrictions:

Silver Bay: will be closed east of a line from Entry Point Light to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°01.58' N. latitude, 135°14.58' W. longitude;

Camp Coogan Bay: will be closed east of 135°14.78' W. longitude;

Crescent Bay: will be closed in all waters of Crescent Bay enclosed by a line from the east end of the John O'Connell Bridge to The Twins Light to the southernmost tip of Guertin Island;

Starrigavin Bay: will be closed east of a line from Harbor Point to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°08.50' N. latitude, 135°22.63' W. longitude;

Olga Strait: will be closed north of 57°11.00' N. latitude and south of the latitude of Creek Point.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: for the Kendrick Bay THA and fishing areas open outside of Terminal Harvest Areas, Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length **may be retained** and sold. Chinook salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. Chinook salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls, Anita Bay, and Neets Bay THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained, must be reported on fish tickets, and may be sold.

Cumulative regional seine harvest of pink salmon is now estimated at 11.7 million fish including harvests of 3.2 million from the August 10-11 fishing period.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Thursday, August 16, 2012** and fishing hours will change to 6 AM to 9 PM for the next fishing period.

Copies of the “2012 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan” may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department’s website at:  
[http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon\\_managementplans](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans).

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is EO 1S6612.

**Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates**  
**Statistical Week 32 (midweek)**  
**Preliminary Estimates compiled August 12, 2012**

<b>NUMBERS OF SALMON</b>							
<b>Area</b>	<b>King</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>Coho</b>	<b>Pink</b>	<b>Chum</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Boats</b>
District 1	40	1,000	3,500	450,000	10,000	464,540	45
District 2	75	2,000	8,500	1,100,000	30,000	1,140,575	70
District 3	10	700	3,000	250,000	6,000	259,710	12
District 4	700	11,500	11,000	1,100,000	27,000	1,150,200	42
District 6	20	500	2,000	150,000	3,000	155,520	12
Section 7-B	0	150	400	45,000	1,000	46,550	5
Section 9-B	0	50	200	20,000	1,000	21,250	4
Section 13-B	0	15	5	30,000	1,000	31,020	9
	845	15,915	28,605	3,145,000	79,000	3,269,365	199

<b>FISH PER BOAT</b>						
<b>Area</b>	<b>King</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>Coho</b>	<b>Pink</b>	<b>Chum</b>	<b>Total</b>
District 1	1	22	78	10,000	222	10,323
District 2	1	29	121	15,714	429	16,294
District 3	1	58	250	20,833	500	21,643
District 4	17	274	262	26,190	643	27,386
District 6	2	42	167	12,500	250	12,960
Section 7-B	0	30	80	9,000	200	9,310
District 9-B	0	13	50	5,000	250	5,313
Section 13-B	0	2	1	3,333	111	3,447

Section 13-A: confidential

Section 13-B: does not include Deep Inlet.

Hidden Falls: No reported harvest.

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